

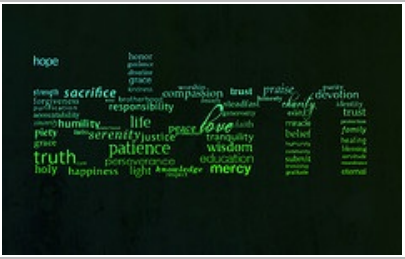
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## Wordpress: Post Disappears When Saving a Draft

Scenario: You are writing a post and hit the save draft button. The page goes through the save process, reloads, and your title is there but the post disappeared.

Solution: When composing a post see if the HTML tab is selected or the visual tab. When this happened to me, it looked like I was in the visual editor but the HTML tab was selected and I could not access the visual tab.

Then go to your user profile in the admin panel.

1. CHECK the box that asks you to disable the visual editor.
2. Save/Update changes.
3. UNcheck the box.
4. Save/Update changes.

You should now be able to go back and compose and save a draft using the visual tab.

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## The Right Question Could Mean Everything

I've started writing some posts over at [Clutterpad](#) and will share

some of those posts here on my blog as well. Here's one:

These days innovation is everything. What can you bring that's not being addressed? Or to put it another way, what are you looking at that other people are not?

Inquisitiveness and asking the right question is a crucial element of success. Take Gatorade for example. The scientists who invented it did so after embarking upon a journey asking the question: "Why don't football players pee during games?"

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## Flyer Design: One Man Nation

New flyer I designed for a Qalam Institute class – One Man Nation



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## Google Apps: Getting Rid of “on behalf of” in Your Email

One of the great features of gmail is that it lets you send email from another account. For those who might manage multiple projects for different domains, this is one of those things that really makes life easy, allowing you to take care of all your emailing from one account.

The problem is, if you do this from your gmail account, it tacks on this message – “from info@domain.com on behalf of youraccount@gmail.com”

Getting rid of this is really simple. Go into your accounts settings and in the 'send mail as' section, edit info on your account. Then change the sending information. If you are getting the 'on behalf of' it means you are sending through gmail.

Instead, send it through SMTP. Here's what you need to put:

SMTP server: smtp.gmail.com

Username: user@yourdomain.com

and then your regular password.

That should fix it.

## Automatically Display a tr.im or TinyURL Link on All Wordpress Posts

[Smashing Magazine](#) has a great hack for adding a TinyUrl to each of your blog posts:

In the functions.php file, add the following code:

[code]

```

function getTinyUrl($url) {

$tinyurl = file_get_contents("http://tinyurl.com/api-create.php?url=".$url);

return $tinyurl;

}
    
```

[/code]

And to single.php, add:

[code]

```

<?php

$url = getTinyUrl(get_permalink($post->ID));

echo 'Tiny Url for this post: <a href="'.$url.'">'.$url.'</a>'

?>
    
```

[/code]

To make this [compatible with tr.im](#) instead,

[code]

```

function getTinyUrl($url) {

$tinyurl = file_get_contents("http://api.tr.im/api/trim_simple?url=".$url);

return $tinyurl;

}
    
```

[/code]

We tried to use the [tr.im functionality with this function](#) over at MuslimMatters, but it began to time out probably [due to the rate limit](#) and the number of posts it was being inserted on. In any case, you can see the TinyUrul functioning at [MuslimMatters.org](#).

## Wordpress 2.8: Lost Visual Editor and Allowed memory size of 33554432 bytes exhausted Error

I updgaded to Wordpress 2.8 today and encountered a memory error as well as the loss of the visual editor toolbar.

### Memory Error

When going to the dashboard or reactivating a plugin (in my case, Viper's Video Quicktags), I saw this error when trying to reactivate my plugins:

*Allowed memory size of 33554432 bytes exhausted*

What worked for me was a solution I found at [HighTechDad](#). You'll need to check the wp-settings.php file on your server. At the very top of the file you should see:

[code]

```
if ( !defined('WP_MEMORY_LIMIT') )
define('WP_MEMORY_LIMIT', '32M');

if ( function_exists('memory_get_usage') && ( (int) @ini_get('memory_limit')
< abs(intval(WP_MEMORY_LIMIT)) ) )

@ini_set('memory_limit', WP_MEMORY_LIMIT);

[/code]
```

Just change the 32M to 64M and that should fix everything.

Visual Editor

This one was a bit trickier.

Wordpress support tried offering a couple of **different solutions**.

I tried a re-upgrade (from the Tools menu in WordPress) but that did not work. I opened my admin panel in IE and the bar was displaying fine. So i cleared my cache in Google Chrome, and the bar came back.

*\*Update* – It seems you need to do the combination move of reinstalling the upgrade and clearing your cache to get this error fixed.

All in all, it was a smooth upgrade with a couple of small hiccups, hope you found these tips useful.

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Logo and Branding: Qalam Institute



When starting out the Qalam Institute project, one of the first issues that comes up is the name. The name needed to convey the key points of the institute:

- 1. Focus on teaching Islamic academics
- 2. Classical name that would appeal to youth and elders alike
- 3. Something relevant to the Qur'an, as the institute's seminars are Qur'an focused

The logical conclusion to this was to name the institute Qalam -

*[Your Lord] has taught [you] by the pen (qalam) -96:4*

By referring to it as 'Qalam" another branding issue was solved – namely that the institute did not want to become known by an acronym, such as QI or something of that sort. This eliminated any kind of logo that was an alpha representation of Q and I together.

You can see some of the iterations here below of different logos that were presented:





The more ‘iconic’ logos did not receive positive feedback. In the end, the logo chosen gave the unique look of having Qalam spelled out in English, and the middle 3 characters also spelling Qalam in arabic. The added color on the dots gives a distinctive look and allows the color to be used further in other print materials.

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